

THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD PRESENTS...

A light installation Empyrean Passage by artist Dan Corson

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SANTA MONICA BLVD. AND DOHENY DR.

Art on the Outside 2008



EMPYREAN PASSAGE by Dan Corson

Artist Dan Corson has created for the City of West Hollywood a 20 foot high by 20 foot wide sculptural form that is reminiscent of both a theoretical black hole and a 3-dimensional portal into the celestial world. Suspended in the air on the Santa Monica Boulevard median, Empyrean Passage was inspired by mathematical formulas that can be translated into 3-dimensional forms.

The project consists of a series of metal hoops of various sizes that, when placed close to each other, implies a larger form. Calibrated cables suspend the rings in much the same way as historic hoop skirts were created.

At night, the rings glow to create a floating form inspired by a black hole's absence of light. The entire sculpture gracefully moves with the wind causing a rippling of the rings and produces a gossamer effect of moving light. The sculpture utilizes extremely "green" low-voltage electroluminescent lighting.

Dan Corson's work straddles the disciplines of art, theatrical design, architecture, landscape architecture and sometimes, even magic. From Seattle to Fort Lauderdale, his large-scale public artworks range from installations in state capitol buildings and busy public intersections to quiet interpretive centers and meditation spaces. Mr. Corson is particularly interested in green design and new technologies, and how these tools can help frame and amplify the natural world.

For more information on Dan Corson please visit www.corsonart.com

ART ON THE OUTSIDE

is a program of the City of West Hollywood Arts and Cultural Affairs Commission. The mission of the Commission is to promote and nurture the arts and cultural life of the City of West Hollywood.

Art on the Outside aims to enhance the City's lively pedestrian-friendly culture through the production of dynamic temporary art installations on the Santa Monica Boulevard median and elsewhere in the City. In sponsoring these public art installations, the Commission hopes to provide visitors and residents alike with the opportunity to engage with art in the course of their daily lives outside the traditional confines of an art gallery or museum.

For more information on the City of West Hollywood Arts and Cultural Affairs Commission or the Art on the Outside program go to www.weho.org or call 323.848.6883.

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